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MARINE CORPS AIR STATION FUTENMA, Okinawa, Japan —
Gunnery Sgt. John J. Mackus, maintenance control staff
noncommissioned officer-in-charge (bottom), Sgt. Jeff A. Doble, CH-53E
crew chief (red), 1st Lt. Ronald R. Green, CH-53E pilot (center), and Cpl.
Aaron J. Parker, CH-53E crew chief/mechanic, all part of Marine Heavy
Helicopter Squadron 466, Marine Air Group 36, 1st Marine Air Wing,
work to figure out the exact placement of support struts for the
propeller blades. The struts were applied to secure the blades
from rough seas and high winds. *Photo by Cpl. Benjamin M. George*



> During a transition between
rafting and hiking—again—Capt.
Charlotte Carpenter, Team Bates,
watches as teammate Capt.
Jordan Reece grimaces in pain
after injecting Tincture of
Benzoine solution into a blister
on his foot. The solution helps
the old skin adhere to the tender
new skin, reducing the pain of
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the procedure performed.

Photo by Gunnery Sgt. Glenn Holloway



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// It is the Marine Corps that will strip away
the facade so easily confused with self. //

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The term "Hollywood Marines" takes on new meaning in "Celebrity Boot Camp." No, we aren't talking about graduates of San Diego Marine Corps Recruit Depot. Ten Hollywood celebrities got a taste of recruit training in this two-hour special based on the popular 2001 FOX series "Boot Camp." Boot Camp was the theme of the book "Keeping Faith" as well. This memoir, written by a father and son, explores the changing relationships of a Marine recruit and his family. The theme for the crossword puzzle is "General Who?" Test your knowledge of Marine Corps generals, past and present.

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Reserve Major Greg Reeder

"As a helicopter pilot I was told there are three times to be worried: When a first lieutenant exclaims, 'It has been my experience', when a captain proclaims, 'Trust me', and when a major says, 'Watch this!' The bad news is — I have delivered all three. Rest assured however, although I am a major — the good news is I'm 'flying' the magazine you're reading vice the CH-46 you're flying on... The Marine Corps News staff has a sincere interest in making *Marines* a publication you will enjoy. It has gone through some changes in its nearly 20 years in the Corps and we want to raise the bar a bit to do an even better job of telling the Marine Corps story. Upcoming issues will offer even more specialized features and content. So, stay tuned for updates and, with regards to the changes we are making, I have two words to remember — 'Watch this!'"

Staff Sergeant Kevin Dolloson

"Graduated from Marine Corps Recruit Training Depot Parris Island, S.C., Dec. 8, 1995. I was trained as a combat correspondent at the Defense Information School in Fort Meade, Md., and graduated in July 1996. My first assignment sent me to Marine Corps Logistics Base Barstow, Calif., where I served as the editor of the Barstow Log. I was also responsible for recording and dubbing a radio show that aired weekdays throughout the city and as far as Las Vegas. From July 1999 to Nov. 2001, I operated with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit as the Public Affairs noncommissioned officer. I deployed twice with the MEU, and on my second deployment was solely responsible for the composition of the MEU's pictorial chronology. I am now an associate editor for *Marines* magazine and enjoy being home with my family."



Gunnery Sergeant Glenn Holloway

"Cut my teeth in the Corps as a Marine electrician. After nine years, a few deployments and way too many trips to Twentynine Stumps, I decided it was time for a change. The monitor said, 'I know just the job for you.' The next thing I knew I was at the Defense Information School learning the basics of photojournalism. I then learned the important stuff in the "trenches" under the guidance of the best combat correspondent this field has ever produced—thank you, Lee Tibbetts. I've worked in the press sections of 'The Okinawa Marine' and 'The Scout' newspapers and deployed with the 15th Marine Expeditionary Unit as the public affairs chief. Along the way, I managed to get educated (if not smarter) at schools like DINFOS and the Newhouse School of Public Communications at Syracuse University, where I studied photojournalism and magazine layout and design. I have been at *Marines* since June 2002."

Staff Sergeant Cindy Fisher

"Joined the Corps in early 1991 for the challenge promised in those really cool commercials. So, of course, the 'powers that be' trained me as a pencil-pushing supply administrator — not a lot of challenge there. I did get to spend three years in Hawaii. From a tropical paradise, I went to Twentynine Palms. It was enough to make anyone get out of the Corps and I did. Two years later I rejoined the Marine family. (Translation: I couldn't find a job that beat the Marines for a sense of pride in what you do). The Corps even gave me a new job and sent me to Fort Meade, Md., for the Basic Journalism Course and Basic Broadcaster Course. I've worked for *The Scout* as a writer and editor and for the Pendleton Journal as an anchor, reporter and editor. I've been to the Editor's Course and Intermediate Photojournalism Course. I joined the *Marines* staff in Feb. 2002. So, here I am ... pushing a pencil again, but enjoying it a lot more."



On the Cover

BLACKSTONE ARMY AIRFIELD, Va. — Lance Cpl. Nicholas N. Long, heavy equipment operator, Marine Wing Support Squadron 271 mans a MK-19 grenade launcher during an airbase perimeter exercise. A detachment of 45 Marines from Marine Wing Support Squadron 271's provisional rifle platoon participated in the training exercise with the 26th Marine Expeditionary Unit Oct. 19-21, at Blackstone Army Airfield.

Photo by Lance Cpl. C. Edmond Flurry

Marines SOUND OFF

"ROAAAARRR!" (Translation: "Prepare to be crushed, kid."), says Godzilla.

"Crushed?" says Ultraman. "Dude, get with the millennium!" And with that the younger, more technologically savvy UltraMan blasts the old reptile with a laser from his right hand sending Godzilla to dinosaur heaven.

OK, so that's not really how it was, but if we were writing it, that's how it would be.

Because there's a valuable lesson to be learned from the little yarn above — evolution is critical to survivability.

From the Editor Those who refuse to change, to "get with the millennium," are

destined to become fossils in the tar pits of time just waiting for future scientists to dig up and examine.

Marines know this. In fact, I bet the very first Jarheads standing on line for Capt. Sam Nicholas' inspection wanted a better (OK, easier) way to shine their boots. And I'll also bet that on Iwo Jima, hunkered in the black volcanic sand, there were many innovative ideas hatched in Marine brain housing groups for getting the Japanese off that high ground above them.

We are innovators and as Gunnery Sgt. Thomas Highway (a.k.a. Clint Eastwood) of "Heartbreak Ridge" fame so eloquently put it, "We improvise, adapt, and overcome."

At *Marines* we recognize the need to improvise, adapt and overcome and, consequently, are continually searching for new ways to deliver and present the Marine Corps story to you, our readers — the people the stories are for and about.

Marines is the official magazine of the Marine Corps. In it are stories about Marines written by Marines for Marines. Take a few minutes to tell us what you think. Send input to MCNews@hqmc.usmc.mil. We need your thoughts to help us provide a better product to you.

And don't be afraid to say what you think. Unlike Godzilla, we can take the heat-seekers. **M**

Semper Fidelis
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Editor,

My son is in the 11th MEU. As a father of a leatherneck, I wish to extend my deepest respects to the families of the leathernecks hurt and killed (Oct. 9), George R. Simpson of Dayton, Ohio, and Antonio J. Sledd of Hillsborough, Florida. It could so easily have been my own son. They have paid a price that no parent or loved one wants to pay. I just want them to know that others, like me, are there for them, and we share their loss. Thank you.

Mike Warren
Union City, Calif.

Editor,

Believe me sir, when I speak of the United States Marines, I speak with tears in my eyes. There is no way in the English language to convey the gratitude that I have in my heart for the Corps. The only reason the flag is flying over that post office is because of the sacrifices Marines made for this country. I sit comfortable in my apartment only because of the blood shed for me. The American public has no comprehension of the many brave Marines who gave their lives so (Americans) could order a Big Mac. I love the Marines.

Larry Zeleznik
Green Bay, Wis.

Editor,

I just want to take a moment to thank all of you for choosing to keep the rest of us safe. Know that we as American citizens do not take you for granted and are thankful for your efforts every day, not just in times of crisis.

Shannon Bednowicz
Elgin, Ill.

Editor,

My father was one of the few and the proud. Even after retiring from the Corps, he always thinks fondly of the Marine Corps. As his daughter, I have also learned to love, appreciate and admire the Marines and the USA.

On the anniversary of Sept. 11, I want each Marine to know that we

civilians appreciate all you do to keep our country safe. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Erin Burns
South Portland, Maine

Editor,

I just saw a show about Marine veterans at Iwo Jima. I just wanted you to know how proud I am as an American to know what you guys did for all of us in the Pacific theater. I was very proud of how you treated both the U.S. and Japanese veterans returning to the battlefield after 50 years. It was truly not their fault. God bless all of you. We feel safe at night knowing you are there.

William Fay
Palmer, Mass.

Editor,

Please accept my thanks for the outstanding work that everyone in the U.S. Marine Corps is doing for our country. Americans can be very proud of the young men and women who are doing difficult jobs for America. You are an example for all of us.

Gail Lammers
Lees Summit, Mo.

Editor,

Is the (Marine on Line) site down? I can get to the login site, but after typing in my user name and login, I can get no further. It happened a couple of nights ago from my home computer and it happened from here inside the Pentagon. (Is it) something along the line of a server not responding or not available? Comments?

Lt. Col. J.J. Bare
Washington

Sir,

Marine on Line is a separate Website maintained by an office at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Va., While www.usmc.mil provides a link to MOL from our home page, we do not have access to any of the site's functions. For questions or issues related to MOL,

please contact the MOL Webmaster at molhelp@manpower.usmc.mil

Marine Corps Webmaster

Editor,

Just a quick note to compliment you on the website. It is very well organized and always interesting to visit. You obviously update this site daily. I wish other sites were so nicely maintained. Well done!!!

Tony Wilson
Garden Grove, Calif.

Editor,

I just read an article that states that the Marines refused to let media see wounded Americans being transferred. I hope that is true. If so, thank you. If this is not true, I hope you will begin a policy that will not allow media to gape at or photograph wounded Americans. If one of my sons were wounded, I would not want his picture spread all over the TV and newspapers. These brave soldiers deserve privacy just as much as any other citizen.

Thanks for the job you are doing. My son is a former Marine who is trying to get back in! While I hope he will not have to face a combat situation, I am so proud that he wants to serve in the Marines. My dad was a Marine in World War II. Your tradition is excellent!

God bless you all.

Becky Brennan
Montgomery, Ala.

Editor,

I thought I would write a quick note to inquire about the slow performance of your websites. I left the Marines in 1996 and have been back to this site often to see what is going on. I find it very frustrating when your system response is so slow that it takes minutes for a web page to open.

I am currently a network engineer in the private sector and was just wondering if the problem is technical in nature or maybe a shortage of funds? With the slow response, I find myself needing to have other activities going to keep me

busy while waiting for your pages to load.

I just wish it was less painful to visit the site!

Patrick Thibeault
Denver Colo.

Sir,

Thank you for your concern. We have been suffering from difficulties within the Defense Information network for some time. Engineers are attempting to pinpoint the bottleneck in the system and hope to have us back to normal as soon as possible.

We appreciate your visiting the site and hope you will continue to utilize www.usmc.mil.

Marine Corps Webmaster

Editor,

I applaud you guys for doing a brilliant Website. I'm glad the Website is so comprehensive and is updated frequently. It is great with the overwhelming info and cool pics. Good job. Semper Fi.

Soh Wee Ling
Singapore

Editor,

I am retired from the Federal government and use the net to pass a lot of my time. Your Website is simply outstanding and one of the best I have come across. Everything from layout to use of color is easy for the viewer to understand and use. Your instructions and histories of the Corps are interesting, have details, but not so many as to dull the mind. I worked with members of the Corps in Vietnam and then for many years in different parts of the world via Embassy

duty and have always had the highest respect for them and the Corps. This Website reflects the ongoing high standards of excellence demanded by the Corps and its history. Keep up the great work.

Woody Hickson
Fort Worth, Texas

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SemperToons By Staff Sgt. Charles F. Wolf



Nowak By Paul Nowak



Paul Nowak is: "a retread of the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Navy Reserve, and U.S. Marine Corps in that order (I was also in Army ROTC in college for a while, but gave that up pretty fast). I started from ground zero each time and worked my way up through the ranks to E-5 three times. I am a cartoonist by choice, self-taught. I love America, Mom, apple pie, 4-wheel drive trucks and dogs." This is his first contribution to *Marines*.